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SUBJECT: TAX EXEMPTIONS

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1. THE ONLY TAX IMPOSED DIRECTLY, AND AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, IS THE VALUE ADDED TAX (OFFICIALLY ENTITLED BELASTING TEOEGVOEGDE WAARDE OR ABBREVIATED B.T.W.). THE RATE (PER CENT) IS VARIABLE BUT THE MAXIMUM RATE OF TAXATION IS SIXTEEN PER CENT ON THE NET COST OR THIRTEEN POINT EIGHT PER CENT ON THE GROSS COST. THE TAX IS LEVIED ON MOST GOODS AND SERVICES AND APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE SIX CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL LISTED IN REF AIRGRAM. THE TAX IS REFUNDABLE ON CERTAIN GOODS, BUT NOT ON SERVICES, AND ALL CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL ARE ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST THE REFUND WITH THE PROVISIO THAT SERVICE STAFF (HOUSEHOLD STAFF) MUST BE NON-DUTCH AND MUST LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE EMPLOYER. THE LIST OF ITEMS (GOODS) ON WHICH THE VALUE ADDED TAX IS PAID AND ON WHICH PERSONNEL MAY APPLY FOR REFUND FROM THE GON, WAS SUBMITTED BY THE EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 5, 1973 TO THOMAS T.F. HUANG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, AS PART OF A SURVEY OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE DRIVER'S PERMIT:

A. AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION: NO TAX OR FEE IS CHARGED TO ANY PERSONNEL CATEGORY LISTED.

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B. AUTOMOBILE DRIVER'S PERMIT: DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL ON

THE OFFICIAL LISTS (AND FAMILY MEMBERS) ARE ISSUED DUTCH DRIVER'S PERMIT FREE OF CHARGE. ALL OTHER PERSONNEL MUST PAY A NOMINAL FEE (CURRENTLY DUTCH GUILDERS 11.75 OR APPROXIMATELY US\$4.60).

C. LICENSE PLATES ARE DISTINCTIVELY MARKED BUT ARE NOT ISSUED, RATHER, ONCE A NUMBER IS ASSIGNED BY THE GON, THE PLATES MUST BE MANUFACTURED IN ACCORD WITH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF UNIFORMITY. THE CURRENT COST IS GUILDERS 7.84 (APPROXIMATELY US \$3.10) FOR TWO PLATES. THE LICENSE PLATES ARE DISTINCTIVELY MARED AS: C.D. PLUS A NUMBER FOR PERSONNEL ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS; G.N. PLUS A NUMBER FOR ALL OTHER PERSONNEL (INCLUDING CONSULAR OFFICERS ON OFFICIAL LIST) AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. AGAIN, SERVICE STAFF (HOUSEHOLD STAFF) MUST BE NON-DUTCH AND MUST LIVE IN THE EMPLOYER'S HOUSEHOLD IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE G.N. - TYPE LICENSE PLATES.

D. AUTOMOBILES ARE REGISTERED ONLY ONCE AND REMAIN SO UNTIL THE VEHICLE IS SOLD OR EXPORTED.
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